

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
February 12, 1979

A special meeting of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University, having been called at the written request of the President of the University, was held on Monday, February 12, 1979, at 5:30 p.m., CST, in the Memorial Room of the Garrett Conference Center on the Western campus. Mr. John David Cole, Chairman, presided.

The following members were present:

Dr. William G. Buckman
Mr. Ronald W. Clark
Mr. John David Cole
Mr. Tom Emberton
Mr. Michael N. Harreld
Mr. Carroll Knicely
Mr. William Kuegel
Mr. Hugh Poland
Mr. Ronald G. Sheffer
Mr. Steven O. Thornton

Also present were Dr. John D. Minton, President; Dr. James L. Davis, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Mr. Harry K. Largen, Vice President for Business Affairs and Treasurer; Mrs. Mary Sample, Secretary; Mr. Rhea P. Lazarus, Staff Assistant, Office of the President; Mr. William E. Bivin, University Attorney; Dr. Randall Capps, Head of the Department of Communication and Theatre and Parliamentarian; and Mr. Dee Gibson, Director of Public Affairs and Community Relations.

In keeping with the policy of the Board, the proposed agenda for the meeting had been mailed in advance of the meeting by the President to the Board members.

Dr. Minton reported that the minutes of the regular meeting of January 27, 1979, were in the process of being prepared and would be forwarded to members of the Board within the next few days for consideration at the next meeting.

The next item on the agenda consisted of committee reports, the first of which was made by the ad hoc Committee on Athletics. Inasmuch as Mr. Sheffer, was unable to be present at the beginning of the meeting of the ad hoc Committee on Athletics, Mr. William M. Kuegel, Vice Chairman of the committee, serving with Mr. Sheffer, Chairman, Mr. Harreld and

Mr. Emberton, reported on behalf of the committee. It was the recommendation of the committee that the University move aggressively to I-AA criteria in football as soon as possible and that strong encouragement be given to the Ohio Valley Conference to consider phasing in without delay the seventy-five scholarships in football allowable under the National Collegiate Athletic Association I-AA regulations; otherwise, the University would "take a look at another conference." In addition, the committee recommended the exploration of all other options, including conference affiliation. With the concurrence of Mr. Sheffer and Mr. Kuegel, Chairman Cole requested that Dr. Minton write to Bob Vanatta, Commissioner of the Ohio Valley Conference, expressing the thoughts of the Athletic Committee and the Board of Regents, both as to upgrading to meet NCAA I-AA criteria and a bona fide look at an alternative. Motion was made by Mr. Knicely that the Board accept the report of the ad hoc Committee on Athletics and concur in their recommendations and that the appropriate letter be transmitted to the Commissioner of the Ohio Valley Conference. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kuegel and carried by voice vote.

Mr. Emberton, Chairman of the Bylaws and Codification Committee, serving with Mr. Sheffer, Vice Chairman, and Mr. Bivin and Dr. Capps, staff members, stated that he had no report to make on behalf of that committee.

At this point in the meeting, motion was made by Mr. Emberton that the Board move into closed session for the stated purpose under Bylaw D. 2. c. of discussion which might lead to the appointment of an individual to a position at the University, the reason being to protect the reputation of the individual persons involved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kuegel and carried by voice vote. Upon returning to the meeting approximately 1-1/2 hours later, Chairman Cole stated that no matter was discussed in the closed session other than that announced prior to convening the session and that no action was taken.

With the concurrence of the Board, Chairman Cole invited Dr. Thomas Madron, Mr. William Bivin, and Mrs. Rosalind Davis, members of the staff for the Advisory Committee for the Selection of a President, to join the

members of the Board. President Minton and Mrs. Sample were also requested to attend the closed session.

Under other business, Mr. Knicely reported that the ad hoc committee appointed to study the need for a President's home had not formally met but members had carried on discussions from time to time and offered the following resolution, which he read, for the consideration of the Board.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the ad hoc committee of the Board of Regents, appointed to study the need for and explore the feasibility of securing more suitable housing for the President, is continuing its work; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents has determined that:

1. The best interests of Western Kentucky University will be served by having more suitable housing for use and occupancy by the President, as soon as it is feasible and practicable, preferably before the new President takes office, and

2. It is not feasible for the University to acquire property for that purpose on a schedule to coincide with selection of a new President, because of the limited available University funds and/or the extended state government process for approval of such transactions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That the Board of Regents requests the College Heights Foundation to assist Western Kentucky University in meeting an urgent need for more suitable housing for use and occupancy by the President of the University.

(b) That the Secretary direct a copy of this resolution to the President of the College Heights Foundation.

Motion for adoption of the resolution was made by Mr. Knicely and seconded by Dr. Buckman with the roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Buckman, Clark, Cole, Emberton, Harreld, Knicely, Kuegel, Poland, Sheffer, Thornton

Nay: None

President Minton reported that the certificate of occupancy had been received for the Kentucky Building with the University taking possession on February 8 subject to completion of the punch list and final inspection of the exterior of the building.

Relative to the enrollment for the 1979 spring semester, Dr. Minton stated that 12,519 students had been enrolled with a projected enrollment of more than 12,800 by the conclusion of the semester. The enrollment figures show a decrease in full-time students and an increase in part-time students.


There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m. and members of the group moved to the E. A. Diddle Arena where the Western - Tennessee Tech basketball game was in progress.

CERTIFICATION OF SECRETARY

I hereby certify that the minutes herein above set forth an accurate record of votes and actions taken by the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University in its special meeting held on February 12, 1979, in the Regents Conference Room of the Wetherby Administration Building on the Western campus and further certify that the meeting was held in compliance with KRS 61.810, 61.815, 61.820, 61.825 (enacted as Sections 2, 3, 4, and 5 of House Bill 100, 1974 Regular Session, General Assembly).


Chairman


Mary Sample, Secretary


Secretary